

Phonics Guide

Supporting Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children with Phonics at Home

At Our Lady of Lourdes, we use the Read Write Inc Phonics scheme.

Your child will be at one of the following stages and your child's teacher will soon be letting you know which stage so you know how you can help them. All of the resources mentioned below, are freely available on the Oxford Owl website. Go to home.oxfordowl.co.uk/ and click on the Reading tab, then Read Write Inc Phonics and scroll down to the required set of sounds that you need.

If your child is learning Set 1 Speed Sounds:

These are the Set 1 Speed Sounds, which are written with one letter:

m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v y w z x

These are the Set 1 Speed Sounds written with two letters (we call these 'special friends'):

sh th ch qu ng nk ck

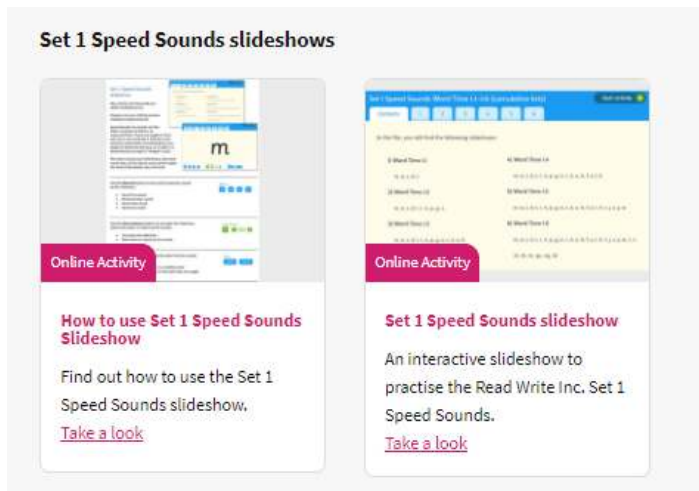
Practise reading these sounds with your child. Make sure they say sounds like 'mmm', not letter names like 'em'. You can watch a Sound Pronunciation Guide video to help you on the Oxford Owl website.

If your child is learning Set 1 Speed Sounds, help them to:

- Practise the sounds they have been taught from the My Set 1 Speed Sounds eBook. (The book has notes for parents.) You can find this on the Oxford Owl site under Set 1.



- Practise reading the Speed Sounds speedily with the Set 1 Speed Sounds slideshow, on the Oxford Owl website.



Learning to blend with Set 1 Speed Sounds

This means your child is learning to read words containing Set 1 Speed Sounds by sound blending. For example:

m-a-t *mat*

c-a-t *cat*

g-o-t *got*

f-i-sh *fish*

s-p-o-t *spot*

b-e-s-t *best*

s-p-l-a-sh *splash*.

If your child is learning to sound blend, help them to:

- Read the Ditty sheets, on the Oxford Owl website, in order. These have notes for parents.

Ditty sheets

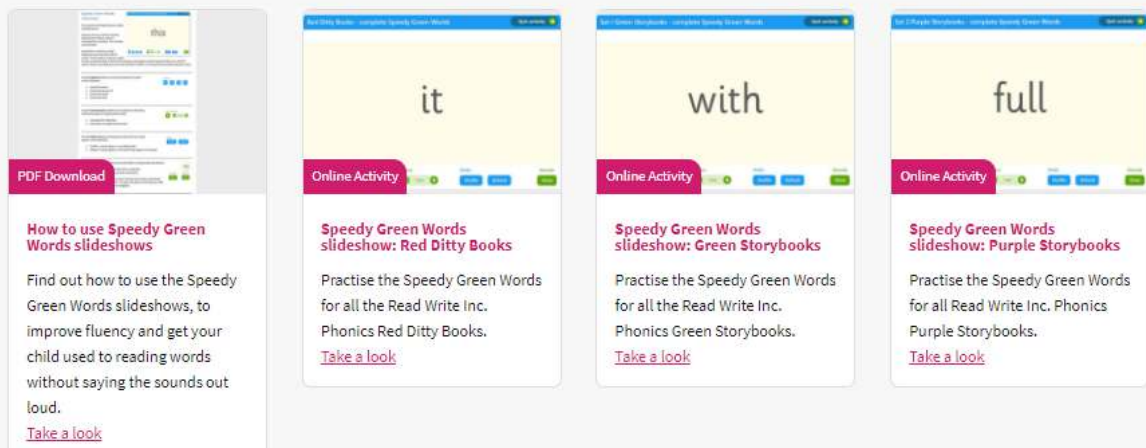


Ditty Sheets 1-28

28 Read Write Inc. Ditty Sheets to practise phonics when your child can read all the Set 1 Speed Sounds and can sound blend.

- When your child can sound blend confidently, they can also practise reading the words on the *Speedy Green Word* slideshow for Red Ditty level (on the Oxford Owl website).

Set 1 Speedy Green Word slideshows



How to use Speedy Green Words slideshows

Find out how to use the Speedy Green Words slideshows, to improve fluency and get your child used to reading words without saying the sounds out loud.

[Take a look](#)

Speedy Green Words slideshow: Red Ditty Books

Practise the Speedy Green Words for all the Read Write Inc. Phonics Red Ditty Books.

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Speedy Green Words slideshow: Green Storybooks

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Speedy Green Words slideshow: Purple Storybooks

Practise the Speedy Green Words for all Read Write Inc. Phonics Purple Storybooks.

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- You could watch the *Sound Blending* video to help you support your child with sound blending. This can also be found on the Oxford Owl website.

If your child is learning Set 2 Speed Sounds:

These are the Set 2 Speed Sounds:

ay ee igh ow (as in *blow*) oo (as in *zoo*) oo (as in *look*) ar or air ir
ou (as in *out*) oy

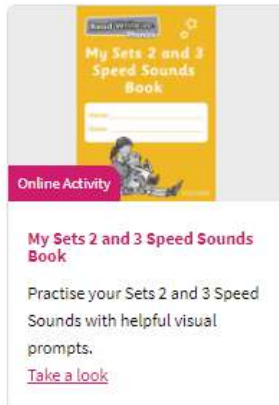
Practise reading these sounds with your child.

If your child is learning the Set 2 Speed Sounds, help them to:

- Practise the sounds they have been taught from the My Sets 2 and 3 Speed Sounds eBook. (The book has notes for parents.)

Set 2 Speed Sounds

My Sets 2 and 3 Speed Sounds Book

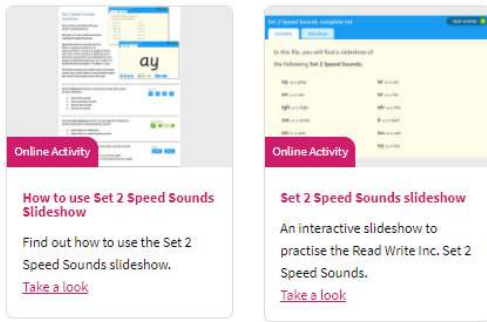


- Read the eBooks at Red Ditty level, then Green level and then Purple level, in order. We recommend children read each eBook three times, as they would at school: once to read the words correctly, a second time with more fluency, and a third time in a 'storyteller voice' that shows their understanding. These are available on the Oxford Owl site. You will need a log in to access these, but your child's teacher will provide you with this shortly.



- Practise reading the Speed Sounds speedily with the Set 2 Speed Sounds slideshow (on the Oxford Owl site).

Set 2 Speed Sounds slideshows



Online Activity

How to use Set 2 Speed Sounds Slideshow

Find out how to use the Set 2 Speed Sounds slideshow.

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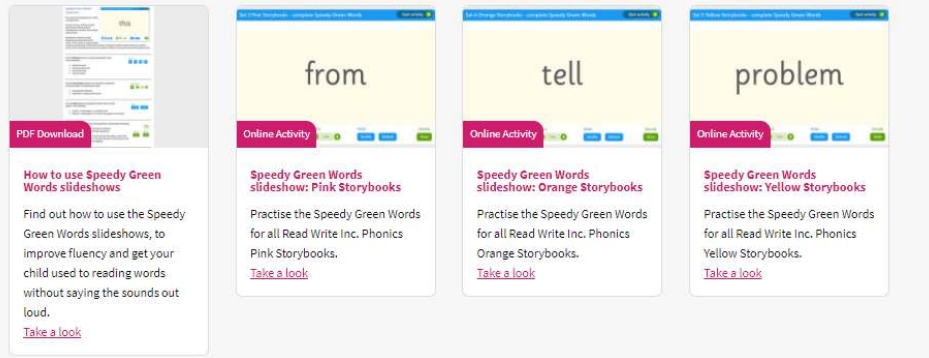
Set 2 Speed Sounds slideshow

An interactive slideshow to practise the Read Write Inc. Set 2 Speed Sounds.

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- When your child is confident and has finished reading the eBooks for a level, they can practise reading the words on the *Speedy Green Word* slideshow for that level.

Set 2 Speedy Green Word slideshows



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How to use Speedy Green Words slideshows

Find out how to use the Speedy Green Words slideshows, to improve fluency and get your child used to reading words without saying the sounds out loud.

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Online Activity

Speedy Green Words slideshow: Pink Storybooks

Practise the Speedy Green Words for all Read Write Inc. Phonics Pink Storybooks.

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Online Activity

Speedy Green Words slideshow: Orange Storybooks

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Online Activity

Speedy Green Words slideshow: Yellow Storybooks

Practise the Speedy Green Words for all Read Write Inc. Phonics Yellow Storybooks.

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If your child is learning Set 3 Speed Sounds:

These are Set 3 Speed Sounds:

ea (as in *tea*)

oi (as in *spoil*)

a-e (as in *cake*)

i-e (as in *smile*)

o-e (as in *home*)

u-e (as in *huge*)

aw (as in *yawn*)

are (as in *care*)

ur (as in *nurse*)

er (as in *letter*)

ow (as in *brown*)

ai (as in *snail*)

oa (as in *goat*)

ew (as in *chew*)

ire (as in *fire*)

ear (as in *hear*)

ure (as in *pure*)

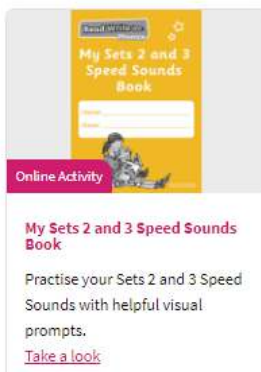
Practise reading these sounds with your child.

If your child is learning Set 3 Speed Sounds, help them to:

- Practise the sounds they have been taught from the *My Sets 2 and 3 Speed Sounds eBook*. (The book has notes for parents.)

Set 3 Speed Sounds

My Sets 2 and 3 Speed Sounds Book



- Read the eBooks at Pink level, then Orange level and then Yellow level, in order. We recommend children read each eBook three times, as they would at school: once to read the words correctly, a second time with more fluency, and a third time in a 'storyteller voice' that shows their understanding. These are available on the Oxford Owl site. You will need a log in to access these, but your child's teacher will provide you with this shortly.



- Practise reading the Speed Sounds speedily on the Set 3 Speed Sounds slideshow.

Set 3 Speed Sounds slideshows

Online Activity

How to use Set 3 Speed Sounds Slideshow

Find out how to use the Set 3 Speed Sounds slideshow.

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Online Activity

Set 3 Speed Sounds slideshow

An interactive slideshow to practise the Read Write Inc. Set 3 Speed Sounds.

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- When your child is confident and has finished reading the eBooks for a level, they can practise reading the words on the Speedy Green Word slideshow for that level.

Set 3 Speedy Green Word slideshows

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Online Activity

Speedy Green Words slideshow: Blue Storybooks

Practise the Speedy Green Words for all Read Write Inc. Phonics Blue Storybooks.

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Online Activity

Speedy Green Words slideshow: Grey Storybooks

Practise the Speedy Green Words for all Read Write Inc. Phonics Grey Storybooks.

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Reading books with Set 1, 2, and 3 Speed Sounds

You will find a useful phonics audio guide to all these sounds in the Read Write Inc Sound Pronunciation Guide video. You can find this on the Oxford Owl site.

It is really important to say the sounds clearly to help your child learn them. We say 'mmm' not 'muh' and 'llll' not 'luh' when teaching the sounds. This really helps children when they learn to blend sounds together to read words.

What is Fred Talk?

At school, we will introduce your child to a toy frog called Fred once he or she is ready to start reading words.

Fred can *only* say the sounds in a word and needs your child to help him read the word. Fred will say the sounds and children will work out the word. For example, Fred will say the sounds c-a-t, and children will say the word *cat*. This is Fred Talk: sounding out the word.

Free eBooks

Free Read Write Inc ebooks (referred to in the guide above) are available for you to read with your child on the Oxford Owl website. Each book includes fun, decodable stories as well as guidance and notes for parents. Please note you will need to login to use the eBook library. Your class teacher will shortly provide you with your login details. You can access the Read write Inc ebooks (as well as lots of other books) here: home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE COLOURS OF THE READ WRITE INC SCHEME ARE SPECIFIC TO THAT SCHEME AND ARE NOT UNIVERSAL COLOURS. IF YOUR CHILD IS READING PINK BOOKS AS PART OF THE READ WRITE INC SCHEME, IT DOES NOT MEAN THEY ARE READING PINK BOOKS FROM OTHER READING SCHEMES. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS IF YOU ARE READING BOOKS FROM OTHER SCHEMES AND USE THE AGE FILTER TO HELP YOU FIND APPROPRIATE BOOKS.

Videos

There are parent tutorials to learn all about how to support your child as they learn with *Read Write Inc. Phonics*, with detailed ideas and advice on pronouncing pure sounds, blending, and digraphs. These are all available on the Oxford Owl website.

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<p>Understanding phonics</p> <p>Parent information</p> <p>Understanding phonics</p> <p>Find out how to teach children sounds that are made up of two letters.</p>	<p>Pronunciation guide</p> <p>Parent information</p> <p>Sound Pronunciation Guide</p> <p>Learn how to pronounce pure sounds from Set 1 Sounds through to Set 3.</p>	<p>Teaching a Set 1 Sound</p> <p>Parent tutorial</p> <p>Teaching a Set 1 Sound</p> <p>Learn how to teach your child a Set 1 Sound, step by step.</p>
<p>Independent blending</p> <p>Parent tutorial</p> <p>Independent blending</p> <p>Find out more about independent blending in this parent tutorial.</p>	<p>Two letters, one sound</p> <p>Parent tutorial</p> <p>Teaching 'two letters, one sound'</p> <p>Find out how to teach children sounds that are made up of two letters.</p>	<p>Teaching blending</p> <p>Parent tutorial</p> <p>Teaching sound blending</p> <p>Learn Ruth Miskin's way of teaching children to blend sounds into words.</p>

Video: How to use the resources



Educational consultant Jean Spurgeon discusses how to use the free Read Write Inc. Phonics resources available on Oxford Owl for Home.

We assess the children and regroup them for phonics every half term. After each assessment, we will be able to update you with the stage your child is working at and you can then use this guide to support them at home.

Please do ask if there is anything you are unsure about. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide Parent Workshops at the moment, so please keep this guide handy.

Kind regards

Miss Cordell

